President Connie Kraus welcomed members and guests to the 2,827th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we look toward the future, keep our hearts in the present, and Reach within to Embrace Humanity!

Providing our inspiration was Bruce Fink, inducted May 4, 1998 and sponsored by John Scudder.

Leading us in the pledge of allegiance was Gene Kraus, March 29, 2004 and sponsored by Bob Deibler.

Our song leader Augie Rey Fernandez, inducted Dec. 20, 2004 and sponsored by Steve Dyer, led us in singing America the Beautiful.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms John Mihlbauer welcomed Past District Governor Jim Varner, Current District 5000 Leadership: Steve Dyer - Alumni Committee Co-Chair; Bruce Fink – HRYF Board Member. Rotarians Guests within District 5000: Alan Lloyd (Windward Oahu); Rotarians Guests Outside District 5000: Ike and Emile Leighty from the Rotary Club of Waterloo, IA. Guests of Rotarians: Stan Sokolosky (Les Hunkele).

Member Inductions: Lenny Katsarsky, Oct. 31, 2005; Member Birthday: Debbie Deibler, Nov. 7th; Spouse Birthday: Junko Dyer, Nov. 9th.
“I Can” donators: President Connie thanked Alice Clark, Bruce Fink, Willa Gardner, Gene and Connie Kraus, Jim Varner for bringing cans of food which will be given to the Food Bank.

**HAPPY BUCKS**

Alice Clark $20 to the Rotary Foundation for a Happy Halloween; Steve Dyer $20 to the Rotary Foundation because St. Louis won the World Series; Bruce Fink $10 to the Rotary Foundation because he is happy that Stanford beat USC; Les Hunkele $20 to the Rotary Foundation for Connie’s quick wit; Doug Taylor $10 to the Rotary Foundation because the “Ducks” won. Alan Lloyd $10 to the Club because his son-in-law completed a 3 month sail to Tahiti; Emile Leighty $5 to the Club she is happy to be home; Ike Leighty $10 to the Club because he has been a Rotarian for 67 years inducted on June 10, 1944 and he is 96 years old.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jeff Deer**, Nominating committee Chair, gave the 1st reading of the slate of Officers and Directors for the Year 2012-2013:

**Officers:**
- President – Doug Taylor
- President Elect – Les Hunkele
- Vice President – Kim Moore
- Secretary – open
- Treasurer – Stella Kimura

**Directors:**
- Willa Gardner
- Shirley Robinson
- Bill Bow
- Jeff Sarver
- Ernie Anderson
- Director – open

President Connie announced that the Foundation Dinner and Auction is Sunday, Nov. 20th and not Nov. 27th as listed. Please get your auction item information in by Nov. 16th to me or Kim Moore. See the email for the invitation and auction item form.

**PROGRAM**

**Jeff Deer** introduced guest speaker Donna L. Ching, Vice President of The Friends of the Natatorium, Director of Development for the Honolulu office of Leo A. Daly, the nation’s 7th largest architecture, engineering, planning and interior design firm. Responsible for business development, market analysis and brand management in the Pacific. Donna received a BA in Political Science from Williams College in 1984 and an MPPM from the Yale University School of Management in 1994.

The Friends of the Natatorium was incorporated in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since then, its volunteer directors and supporters have worked tirelessly to educate government officials and the general public about the Natatorium’s epic past and potential future. Every year since 1989, the group has sponsored a Memorial Day Weekend observance in the park outside the Natatorium to honor America’s war dead and veterans and to keep faith with those in whose memory the Natatorium was built.

The Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium was built in 1927 as a "living memorial" to Hawai’i's World War I veterans. The Beaux Arts landmark features a 100-meter saltwater pool that was used for recreation and competitions, and hosted swimming stars such as Duke Kahanamoku, Buster Crabbe, Johnny Weissmuller, and Ann Curtis. The Natatorium was instrumental in training a generation of Hawai’ian swimmers who achieved prominence and recognition as Olympic gold
medalists. Deterioration forced the pool's closure in 1980.

The Natatorium is owned by the State but operated under an executive order by the City and County of Honolulu.

By May of 2001, Phase I - the restoration of the natatorium's grand arch and façade - had been completed. Renovation of the 100-meter pool, however, stalled because of safety worries, cost concerns and the state health department's saltwater pool regulations. In 2005, the mayor of Honolulu stopped all restoration work on the natatorium and returned funds allocated for the restoration back to the city's general funds. The city began a new study of the natatorium site to analyze alternatives to full restoration, including complete demolition.

The real consequences of demolition lie far beyond what most people realize. The Natatorium serves as a sand retention revetment; it created San Souci beach. Demolish the Natatorium and San Souci is history.

In 1997 the same team that designed the highly successful Ko'olina Swimming Lagoons completes an exhaustive study of coastal conditions, structural integrity and construction alternatives. After considering everything from removal to modifications to full restoration, the State concludes that complete restoration with a re-engineered pool is the most sensible option. The re-designed pool would be Hawaii’s only fully ADA-accessible saltwater swimming venue with lifts for wheelchair-bound swimmers to enter the pool.

The idea of demolishing the Natatorium ranks up there with the attempts to demolish Iolani Palace for a parking lot and the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for a new high-rise hotel. The Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium is the last of the great historic treasures of the Waikiki shoreline. How we respond to this challenge will mark the greatness or failure of who we are as a people.

For more information about the natatorium, visit their web site at natatorium.org.

President Connie thanked Donna for her very informative presentation and asked her to sign a children’s book, *The Spider and the Fly* based on the cautionary tale by Mary Howitt, which will be donated to Aiea Elementary School in her honor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jeff Deer led us in the Four-Way-Test.

The Rotary Foundation of RI is a charitable organization supported entirely by voluntary contributions. The Foundation’s mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through projects that improve health, support education, and help alleviate poverty.

**Educational Programs**

The Foundation supports educational programs that promote international understanding by bringing together people from different countries and cultures. **Ambassadorial Scholarships** are given to about 500 university students each year to study abroad and serve as ambassadors of goodwill.

At their April 2009 meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees decided to end some Rotary programs,
including funding for the Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships. Effective 1 July 2009, The Rotary Foundation will no longer fund these two types of Ambassadorial Scholarships nor Rotary Grants for University Teachers.

Ambassadorial Scholarships is the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, more than 40,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarships programs. Nearly 700 scholarships were awarded for study in 2009-10. Through grants totaling approximately US$16.2 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 80 nations.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors academic year scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

Generous contributions from Rotarians worldwide represent a continued faith that today’s Ambassadorial Scholars will be tomorrow's community and world leaders.

**Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution**

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master’s degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary Peace Centers

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (professional development center)

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**THE 4-WAY TEST**

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
   ‘Oia ’iʻo i keia oʻlelo

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
   Kupono ia ka kou

3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
   Kukulu lokomaikaʻi a me pilialoha maikaʻi aʻe

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
   Pono ia ka kou

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**November Rotary Foundation Month**

Nov 9: Charles Lake, Chairman of AFLAC Japan
Nov 14: Evan Fujimoto, Making Homes Friendly, and Safe for All Ages
Nov 21: Perry Springman, World Vision
Nov 27: Rotary Foundation Dinner, 5:30pm Outrigger Canoe Club
Nov 28: Steve Dyer and Ted Meeker, Useful Legal Information

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Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
(Note: The Rotary Foundation Trustees will no longer be accepting applications for this program after the 2010-12 class.)
University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

Fellows are chosen from countries and cultures around the globe based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their careers. To find out more about the Rotary Peace Centers program, contact your local Rotary club Foundation Chair.

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